Justification for Non-Substantive Change Request Online Application for Nonimmigrant Visa OMB Number 1405-0182

Foreign nationals use the Online Application for Nonimmigrant Visa (DS-160) to apply for nonimmigrant visas through the Department's Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) internet portal. Consular officers use the information applicants provide in that form, once signed and submitted, to determine visa eligibility. The Department seeks a non-substantive change to the currently approved information collection governing the DS-160 to improve infrastructure security.

Currently, an applicant can either complete the DS-160 over a 30-day window on CEAC or download the application and upload it back to the CEAC at any time. In order to ensure the infrastructure security of CEAC, the Department must abandon the upload functionality.

In order to provide nonimmigrant visa applicants temporal flexibility to complete the DS-160, the Department proposes to extend the current 30-day application window with a renewable 60-day window. If an applicant has not accessed a DS-160 for 60 days, the application will be purged from the CEAC. The screenshots which show the questions on Form DS-160 are publicly available on reginfo.gov at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewIC?ref nbr=201905-1405-001&icID=184376.